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## HISTORICAL NOTES.

SOUTH CAROLINIANS AT EATON.—In a letter published in the *Eaton College Chronicle* of March 23, 1905, Mr. R. A. Austen Leigh gave an account of Americans who were educated at Eaton, including the following sketches of three South Carolinians:

*Huger*, Francis [*not* William<sup>1</sup>], son of Daniel Huger, Esq., of Limerick plantation, St. John's Parish, Berkeley County, South Carolina; [b. June 19th, 1751; educated 4 years under Mr. Wilton; then at Eton 2 years under Mr. Foster; age 18; admitted Fellow Commoner at Caius Coll. Cambridge, March 26th, 1768]; Captain in Continental Army; d. Aug. 1800.

*Lynch*, Thomas, son of Thomas Lynch, Esq., of Prince George's Parish, Winyah, South Carolina; [b. Aug. 5th, 1749; school, Eton 4 years under Mr. Barnard, age 18; admitted Fellow Commoner at Caius Coll. Cambridge, May 18th, 1767; admitted at Middle Temple, 1767]; Captain Continental Army, 1775-1776; member of Congress, 1776-1777; signed the Declaration of Independence; was lost at sea, 1779.

*Trapier*, Paul, son of Paul Trapier, gent., of Prince George's Parish, Winyah, South Carolina; [school, Eton (Dr. Barnard); admitted Pensioner at St. John's, Cambridge, Mar. 20th, 1766, aet. 18; Student of Inner Temple, Feby. 17, 1767]; m. Elizabeth Foissin, 1771; Captain of State Artillery, 1776.

WILLIAM R. DAVIS.—The following letter and newspaper extract concern the death of Capt. William R. Davis, a distinguished soldier of the Revolution. The letter is in private hands:

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<sup>1</sup>The name appears on the entrance record at Eaton as William and by a singular coincidence the name also appears as William on the record when he entered Cambridge. His father's own diary, however, shows that he was baptized Francis and all subsequent records show that he kept that name throughout his life and it is well known to genealogical students of the family that there was no William Huger, son of Daniel Huger, of Limerick. The ante and post-college data for these sketches were furnished to Mr. Leigh by the editor of this magazine.

*Addressed:* Robert Hails Esqr  
St Matthews  
(So Ca)

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Dear Sir:-

I had set out, and proceeded on my journey towards Virginia, as far as Camden, where I met the melancholy news of poor Davis's death. It was a stroke so unexpected, and distressing to my feelings, that I could proceed no further. I turned about and came home the same night, but without knowing why—Good God! What must be the feelings of his family, and those on the spot!— I would do anything in this world in my power to afford them the smallest consolation, but that is impossible. Indeed I want it myself. Recollect, how many such true and real friends have you, or myself, left? And, if we feel so deeply his loss, what must———, but the scene is really too distressing. I wish to know the particulars of his illness, and to what cause it is attributed. I am told he was pretty constantly delirious, and made no arrangement of his affairs. If he made any verbal request about his childn, you will hear it, of course. But, had his mind possessed its full strength, what could he have said? Or to whom committed a trust a thousand times dearer than the life he was about to yield to its author? Among others, I feel extremely for Mrs. Cantey. She must have suffered extremely throughout this distressing scene. Her jaunt down the country is, of course, given over, as I conclude she would not leave Mrs. Davis and the childn so soon.

Be so good as to let me know how they all are, and when Mrs. Cantey is coming up, or what her present plan is. If she comes up, I will send her down horses.

I did not suspect that this common season of joy would be to us so real a one of mourning— but we must submit.

Yrs. truly,

W. Hampton.

24th Dec. 1799.

“Died on Thursday last, at his Plantation on Santee, *William Ransom Davis*, esq. aged 44: a gentleman whose benevolence and hospitable disposition endeared him to all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.”—*City-Gazette and Daily Advertiser*, Wednesday, December 25, 1799.

REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS.—“DEATHS.” \* \* \* “At his plantation at Ponpon, Colonel GLOVER.”—*The Gazette of the State of South-Carolina*, Wednesday, August 6, 1783.

“On Monday last died, in the 65th year of his age, at his seat in Goose-Creek, Col. Joseph Glover. His numerous family have to lament in him the loss of an affectionate husband, and a fond indulgent father, whilst his uniform and zealous attachment to the interest of his country, merits him the universal regret of the community at large.”—*The South-Carolina Weekly Gazette*, Saturday, August 9, 1783.

“Another Revolutionary hero gone—Death of Major Hamilton, of Abbeville.

Died, on the evening of the 17th inst. at his residence in Abbeville, ANDREW HAMILTON, in the 94th year of his age.

Major Hamilton was born in Virginia, and emigrated to this State some years previous to the Revolution. Possessing an ardent attachment to Liberty, he embarked at an early period in defence of his country, and participated in all the important battles that were fought in this State and Georgia. At the surrender of Carns Fort by the British, Major Hamilton was the officer selected by the Commander of the American forces to negotiate the capitulation. At the battle of Eutaw, he was near Major Thomas Pinckney (the late Gen. Thomas Pinckney) at the moment that meretorious officer was wounded. During the whole war, he and Gen. Pickens were on terms of intimacy and friendship, and often acted together in driving the Indians and Tories from their predatory incursions on the frontier settlements. When peace and order were restored to the country, Major Hamilton, at different times, was called to fill various important civil appointments, the duties of which he always discharged with honor to himself, and usefulness to his country. He served for many years as a member of the Legislature, and was a member of the Convention that adopted the Constitution of the United States.”—*The Charleston*

*Courier*, Wednesday, January 28, 1835. (Also in *The Charleston Mercury*, of Tuesday, January 27, 1835.

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, GOOSE CREEK.—The following items connected with the building of the present church of St. James's Parish, Goose Creek, will prove valuable contributions to the history of that interesting edifice:

This Board taking into Concideration y<sup>e</sup> Agents Continueing in y<sup>e</sup> Settlement & y<sup>e</sup> great necessity of his going on his Agency Have agreed y<sup>r</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>.—Wright y<sup>e</sup> Present Agent gett himself ready to depart y<sup>e</sup> Settlement & that he have instructions to goe among y<sup>e</sup> Yamosee Indians & sett out on Monday y<sup>e</sup> Ninetenth Instant to adjust y<sup>e</sup> differences & regulate affairs w<sup>th</sup>. the said Indians & Traders.—*Journal (MS) of the Board of Commissioners of Indian Affairs*, for March 9, 1710–11, p. 4.

Read a Letter from John Crockett dated from y<sup>e</sup> Archpellauga Town informing y<sup>e</sup> Ag<sup>t</sup>. of y<sup>e</sup> kings wayting there for his assistance in removing y<sup>r</sup>.—people to y<sup>r</sup>.—respective Townes

This Board taking into Concideration y<sup>e</sup> Agent not putting in Execution y<sup>e</sup> Orders & instructions given him by a Board of Comiss<sup>rs</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup>. of March Last past and also of y<sup>e</sup> resolutions of a Board of Comiss<sup>rs</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> 14 Instant Aprill Ordering y<sup>e</sup> Agent to be Called to Acco<sup>t</sup> & his Bond put in Suitt against him

And upon hearing this Day M<sup>r</sup>.—Wright y<sup>e</sup> Agents reasons upon his not proceeding according to orders given him whose reasons are as followeth To be furnishing y<sup>e</sup> Church att Goose Creeke w<sup>th</sup>. materials for finishing y<sup>e</sup> Same—*Ibid* for April 17, 1711, p. 6.

BOUNTY GRANTS TO REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS.—In 1778 an Act was passed in South Carolina providing “That two hundred acres of land (including the one hundred allowed by Congress) be reserved for and granted free of expense and in fee simple to every soldier who hath already enlisted or shall hereafter enlist to serve in either of the said regiments” [“the six regiments of this State on the Continental establishment”] “during the present war; provided he doth faithfully complete his term of service; and in case it shall so happen that any such soldier shall be slain or depart this life during this contest, his heirs shall be entitled to the said two hundred acres of land.”

In 1784 an ordinance was passed in the General Assembly directing the commissioners of location in the several districts "to receive the entry of the respective officers and soldiers of the late South Carolina Continental line, and the officers on the staff, and the three independent companies commanded by Captain Bowie and Captain Moore, and the officers of the navy of this State, who are entitled to grants of land under any Resolve or Act of the Congress or Legislature of this State, for the quantity of land to which the officers or soldiers applying is entitled; and to issue warrants of survey, and certify and return the plats which shall be made of lands to be surveyed by virtue of such warrants; and that the surveyor general certify the plats; that the secretary prepare the grants, free of expense to the said officers and soldiers; that the Governor be required to sign and pass such grants; and that the fees of the commissioners of locations, deputy surveyor, surveyor general and secretary, for their respective services in the premises, be paid by the public."

The grants issued in accordance with the foregoing Act and Ordinance were recorded in four volumes now in the office of Secretary of State and marked "Bounty Grants." The following is a specimen of one of the grants, the personel of the grantee making it doubly interesting. It is also recommended to the consideration of those people who believe that silly story about a girl named Sinclair who in man's attire followed Jasper into service because of her love for him and was killed in an action on the Santee:

STATE OF SOUTH-CAROLINA:

To all to whom these Presents shall come, *Greeting*:

KNOW YE, That in pursuance of an Act of the General Assembly of said State, passed the Twenty-eighth day of March, in the Year of Our LORD One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-eight; and of an Ordinance of the State aforesaid, passed the Twenty-sixth day of

March, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-four, for the purpose of securing and granting Land within this State to the Officers and Soldiers as therein set forth, We have granted and by these Presents do grant unto William Jasper heir at Law to Serjeant William Jasper his Heirs and Assigns, a Plantation or Tract of Land containing two hundred acres (surveyed for Richard Gallivan the 25<sup>th</sup>. Feb<sup>r</sup>: 1789—Acres Situate in the District of Georgetown on the North East side of Little Peedee River on Treadwell Swamp, bounding N<sup>o</sup> E<sup>t</sup>. on John Elvis's Land, S<sup>o</sup>. W<sup>t</sup>. & N<sup>o</sup> W<sup>t</sup>. on Adoniram Treadwell, James Gallivan's & Vacant Land S<sup>o</sup>. E<sup>t</sup>. on Vacant Land—having such Shape Form and Marks as are represented by a Plat hereunto annexed, together with all Woods, Trees, Waters, Water-courses, Profits, Commodities, Appurtenances and Hereditaments whatsoever thereunto belonging, To have and to hold the said Tract of two hundred—Acres of Land, and all and singular other the Premises hereby granted unto the said William Jasper his Heirs and Assigns, forever, in free and common soccage.

Given under the Great Seal of the State.

WITNESS *his Excellency* Charles Pinckney Esquire, Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the said State, at Charleston this fourth Day of January Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and Ninety and in the 14<sup>th</sup>. year of the Independence of the United States of America.

And hath thereunto annexed a Plat thereof representing the same, Certified by F. Bremar 22<sup>d</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup>. 1789—

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